Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Original) A method for communication between a plurality of devices remotely connected via a network, comprising:

within an existing instant messaging session on a first user device associated with a first user, responsive to user input, initiating a new topic session;

within the existing instant messaging session on the first user device, responsive to user input on the first user device, selectively causing the new topic session to be replicated on secondary user devices associated with the first user; and

providing a user interface on the first user device which is capable of distinguishing between data intended for the existing and new sessions.

2.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the first and secondary user devices include <u>at least one of</u> a desktop computer, a laptop computer, a cellular phone, a personal digital assistant, and a fax machine<u>, and wherein the user interface distinguishes between the data using (i) device identifiers for the first and secondary user devices that are included with the data, and (ii) conversation identifiers for the existing and new sessions that are included with the data.</u>

3.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the user input is performed by selecting a button in a messaging window.

4.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

determining if [[the]] <u>a</u> recipient has more than one device capable of receiving instant messages; <u>and</u>

selectively sending [[the]] <u>a</u> message to the recipient's devices.

5.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4, wherein the <u>first</u> user conducts ~~an instant messaging~~ <u>the new topic</u> session which was initiated on the first user device with the recipient using one of the secondary <u>user</u> devices.

6.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~1, wherein selectively causing the new topic session to be replicated on a second user device~~ 4, wherein selectively sending a message to the recipient's devices is performed by sending the message to all of the ~~user's secondary~~ recipient's devices.

7.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~1, wherein selectively causing the new topic session to be replicated on a second user device~~ 4, wherein selectively sending a message to the recipient's devices is performed by sending the message to the ~~user's secondary~~ recipient's devices in a priority sequence until a receipt notification is obtained.

8.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the user interface on the first user device distinguishes between data intended for the existing and new sessions by organizing the data in a topical manner, wherein a topic for the data is specified in a header received with the data.

9.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
        sending a message associated with the new topic session, wherein header information in the message indicates that the message is to be replicated on particular secondary user devices associated with the first user.

10.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4, wherein header information in the message indicates that the message is to be replicated on particular ~~secondary user~~ recipient devices associated with the recipient, wherein the header information comprises an identifier of the first user, an identifier of the secondary devices associated with the first user, an identifier of the recipient and an identifier of the recipient's devices.

11.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10, wherein the first user ~~may update~~ updates the header information in ~~an outgoing~~ the message.

12.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein at least one participant in the instant messaging session has a capability to display multiple threads of conversation in multiple devices, and at least another participant in the instant messaging session does not have the capability to display multiple threads of conversation in multiple devices.

13.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4, wherein the message is received at a recipient device ~~may be~~ and is selectively forwarded to another recipient device based on thread content of the message that is identified in header information in the message.

14.   (Currently Amended) A data processing system for communication between a plurality of devices remotely connected via a network, comprising:

        means for initiating a new topic session within an existing instant messaging session on a first user device associated with a first user in response to user input;

        means for selectively causing the new topic session to be replicated on another ~~secondary~~ user device ~~devices~~ associated with the first user within the existing instant messaging session on the first user device in response to user input on the first user device; [[and]]

        means for providing a user interface on the first user device which is capable of distinguishing between data intended for the existing and new sessions;

        means for determining if a recipient has more than one device capable of receiving instant messages; and

        means for selectively sending a message to the recipient's devices.

15.   (Currently Amended) The data processing system of claim 14, wherein the first and another ~~secondary~~ user devices include at least one of a desktop computer, a laptop computer, a cellular phone, a personal digital assistant, and a fax machine, and wherein the user interface distinguishes between the data using (i) device identifiers for the first and secondary user devices that are included with the data, and (ii) conversation identifiers for the existing and new sessions that are included with the data.

16.   (Original) The data processing system of claim 14, wherein the user input is performed by selecting a button in a messaging window.

17.   (Currently Amended) The data processing system of claim 14, wherein multiple paired delivery points are provided to the first user and the recipient using the first and another user devices and the recipient's devices, with one of the paired delivery points used for the existing instant messaging session and another of the paired delivery points used for the new topic session ~~further comprising:~~

        ~~means for determining if the recipient has more than one device capable of receiving instant messages;~~

        ~~means for selectively sending the message to the recipient's devices~~ .

18.   (Currently Amended) The data processing system of claim 17, wherein the <u>first</u> user conducts ~~an instant messaging~~ <u>the new topic</u> session which was initiated on the first user device with the recipient using <u>the another user device</u> ~~one of the secondary devices~~ .

19.   (Currently Amended) The data processing system of claim ~~14, wherein selectively causing the new topic session to be replicated on a second user device~~ <u>17, wherein selectively sending a message to the recipient's devices</u> is performed by sending the message to all of the ~~user's secondary~~ <u>recipient's</u> devices.

20.   (Currently Amended) The data processing system of claim ~~14, wherein selectively causing the new topic session to be replicated on a second user device~~ <u>17, wherein selectively sending a message to the recipient's devices</u> is performed by sending the message to the ~~user's secondary~~ <u>recipient's</u> devices in a priority sequence until a receipt notification is obtained.

21.   (Currently Amended) The data processing system of claim 14, wherein the user interface on the first user device distinguishes between data intended for the existing and new sessions by organizing the data in a topical manner<u>, wherein a topic for the data is specified in a header received with the data</u>.

22.   (Currently Amended) The data processing system of claim 14, <u>further comprising:</u>
        <u>means for sending a message associated with the new topic session,</u> wherein header information in the message indicates that the message is to be replicated on particular secondary user devices associated with the first user.

23.   (Currently Amended) The data processing system of claim 17, wherein header information in the message indicates that the message is to be replicated on particular ~~secondary user~~ <u>recipient</u> devices associated with the recipient<u>, wherein the header information comprises an identifier of the first user, an identifier of the at least one secondary device associated with the first user, an identifier of the recipient and an identifier of the recipient's devices</u>.

24.   (Currently Amended) The data processing system of claim 23, wherein the <u>first</u> user ~~may update~~ <u>updates</u> the header information in ~~an outgoing~~ <u>the</u> message.

25.   (Original) The data processing system of claim 14, wherein at least one participant in the instant messaging session has a capability to display multiple threads of conversation in multiple devices, and at

least another participant in the instant messaging session does not have the capability to display multiple threads of conversation in multiple devices.

26.   (Currently Amended) The data processing system of claim 17, wherein the message is received at a recipient device ~~may be~~ and is selectively forwarded to another recipient device based on thread content of the message that is identified in header information in the message.

27.   (Currently Amended) A computer ~~program product in a computer readable medium for communication~~ readable medium encoded with a computer program product and operable by a data processing system for facilitating communication between a plurality of devices remotely connected via a network, the computer program product comprising:
        first instructions for initiating a new topic session within an existing instant messaging session on a first user device associated with a first user in response to user input[[,]];
        second instructions for selectively causing the new topic session to be replicated on secondary user devices associated with the first user within the existing instant messaging session on the first user device in response to user input on the first user device[[,]]; and
        third instructions for providing a user interface on the first user device which is capable of distinguishing between data intended for the existing and new sessions.

28.   (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 27, wherein the first and secondary user devices include at least one of a desktop computer, a laptop computer, a cellular phone, a personal digital assistant, and a fax machine, and wherein the user interface distinguishes between the data using (i) device identifiers for the first and secondary user devices that are included with the data, and (ii) conversation identifiers for the existing and new sessions that are included with the data.

29.   (Original) The computer program product of claim 27, wherein the user input is performed by selecting a button in a messaging window.

30.   (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 27, further comprising:
        fourth instructions for determining if [[the]] a recipient has more than one device capable of receiving instant messages; and
        fifth instructions for selectively sending [[the]] a message to the recipient's devices.

31.   (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 30, wherein the <u>first</u> user conducts ~~an instant messaging~~ <u>the new topic</u> session which was initiated on the first user device with the recipient using one of the secondary <u>user</u> devices.

32.   (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim ~~27, wherein selectively causing the new topic session to be replicated on a second user device~~ <u>30, wherein selectively sending a message to the recipient's devices</u> is performed by sending the message to all of the ~~user's secondary~~ <u>recipient's</u> devices.

33.   (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim ~~27, wherein selectively causing the new topic session to be replicated on a second user device~~ <u>30, wherein selectively sending a message to the recipient's devices</u> is performed by sending the message to the ~~user's secondary~~ <u>recipient's</u> devices in a priority sequence until a receipt notification is obtained.

34.   (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 27, wherein the user interface on the first user device distinguishes between data intended for the existing and new sessions by organizing the data in a topical manner<u>, wherein a topic for the data is specified in a header received with the data</u>.

35.   (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 27, <u>further comprising:</u>
        <u>instructions for sending a message associated with the new topic session,</u> wherein header information in the message indicates that the message is to be replicated on particular secondary user devices associated with the first user.

36.   (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 30, wherein header information in the message indicates that the message is to be replicated on particular ~~secondary user~~ <u>recipient</u> devices associated with the recipient<u>, wherein the header information comprises an identifier of the first user, an identifier of the secondary devices associated with the first user, an identifier of the recipient and an identifier of the recipient's devices</u>.

37.   (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 36, wherein the <u>first</u> user ~~may update~~ <u>updates</u> the header information in ~~an outgoing~~ <u>the</u> message.

38.   (Original) The computer program product of claim 27, wherein at least one participant in the instant messaging session has a capability to display multiple threads of conversation in multiple devices,

and at least another participant in the instant messaging session does not have the capability to display multiple threads of conversation in multiple devices.

39.   (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 30, wherein the message is received at a recipient device ~~may be~~ and is selectively forwarded to another recipient device based on thread content of the message that is identified in header information in the message.